

# Reaching Millennials a.k.a. Gen Y

Red Bull - Comedy Central - Colt 45
Walgreen's - Spam - A&E
Honda - MTV Networks - State Farm
Shaun White - Facebook - Lone Star
Spike TV - Pabst - ESPN

# Who are they?

### Consumers 11-31

# 80 million strong



This guy

#### Biggest global concerns

Economy

Environment

Education

#### Biggest personal concerns

Family

Inclusion

Individuality

#### "How can we be different?"

#### Wevolution

moving from a culture of "me" to "we" where the collective power of the group drives consumer behavior

#### Peer approval

they grew up being marketed to, don't trust advisors

#### Balanced life

success defined by relationships and life values, not luxury items



#### Branded stuff, not so much

#### Emerging trends

What's right stress doing the right thing

Human warming reconnecting with people

Groups & clubs reasons to get together

## Where are they shopping?



- 1. Urban Outfitters
- 2. American Apparel
- 3. Walmart
- 4. Kohl's
- 5. Forever 21
- 6. Express
- 7. American Eagle

# How do they shop?

#### Their shopping trends

They vote with their dollars when they buy something, they're actually endorsing it

They like social shopping
it's an adventure with their friends & family
more than half share product information

They're frugal they want low prices



## Really? Shopping with mom?

# What do they want?

#### Would you rather buy...

Cool experiences: 80%

Cool products: 20%

#### Top brand attributes

Quality

Affordability

Design

Originality



#### Celeb endorse, not so much

#### Marketing themes

Going local

Secrets (specials & deals no one else knows about)

Stunt work



#### Authentic relationships with sellers

#### How do we reach them?

#### Preferred communications

Text: 32%

In-Person: 28%

Facebook: 22%

Cell Call: 11%

Email: 6%

MySpace: 1%

#### Top information sources

1. Friends

2. Internet

3. Magazines

-[4. TV

5. In-Store



4/5 daily activities involve technology

#### Their media habits?

#### Social or "tribal" viewing

Email

Phone

Text

Social Nets

IM|Chat

Blog

#### Seeking info related to a program

Website

Search

Phone

Text

[IM|Chat

Blog

Social Nets

Email



#### 68% feed online to offline

#### Top entertainment sources

Online viewing vs. TV

Internet radio vs. terrestrial radio

Magazines vs. newspapers

Books & movies...



#### Mobile is the #1 screen

#### Tech-eyed view of the world

Instant & nonverbal

4x more likely to respond to a text than a voicemail

Digidentity

online IDs establish identity & demonstrate social currency

Share the world thru social media

always connected so moments can be immediately posted & shared



90% own a personal electronic device



#### Own 10 devices

#### Their favorite brands?

#### Among trendsetters

Geico

Snickers

Free Credit Report

Skittles

Axe

Nike

#### Among mainstreamers

Geico

Apple Axe

M&Ms

[iPod

Old Spice



Geico #1

# The good news...

# ...they like advertising

#### The "ad agreement"

- It's a good way to learn
- Pay attention source for the new & different
- It's just another form of content and they crave it
- If they see good info, they'll confidently share it

#### The "sphere of sway"

Average of 408 contacts

80% of those contacts can be instantly messaged

Offline media can go viral online

They are the buzzmasters



"It keeps my content free."

# The bad news...

# ...they don't like brands

#### 75% talk brands on Facebook, but...

Only 12% are "okay" befriending brands

28% think brands should just listen & react

50% think brands should not be using social media

Most think brands should "go away"

## And they're not done...

#### Emerging trends

- 1. Techy Shopping like.com, groupon.com
- 2. Retail Rethinking events and workshops
- 3. Avoiding Retail swapping sites like swoopo.com



#### 25% of all online purchases

# What would you give up?



TV or social? 73% TV.



#### Car or online? 54% online.



Internet or sex? 33% sex.



"We've embarked on a pretty massive transformation of the brand, overhauling everything we were doing in programming and marketing as we said goodbye to Generation X and embraced the millennials."

MTV General Manager Stephen Friedman

### How is NHTSA responding?

#### Media & messaging

Past & future media: Millennial-heavy buys online-only programming

New campaigns for Millennials by Millennials more than just TV: fully integrated social & digital campaigns

Message testing

Millennials included in focus groups

#### Depending on the concept...

Secrets: Behind the scenes of the creative

Local: Make the shoot an event

Tools: Mobile website

#### Q&A Reaching Millennials

